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ATTENTION AMBASSADOR ROBERT ANDERSON

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MULTINATION TV INTERVIEW WITH
SECRETARY KISSINGER

REFS: 1) IWE: GAWRONSKI/DRAPER TELECON MAY 13

2) PARIS 11340

FOR DIRECTOR

1. POST NATURALLY DISAPPOINTED WHITE HOUSE DECISION
ACCORD PRESIDENTIAL TV INTERVIEW IN SINGLE-COUNTRY FOR-
MAT (BBC PANORAMA) RATHER THAN WITHIN FRENCH MULTI-
NATIONAL FORMAT, BUT APPRECIATE FORCE PRIOR COMMITMENT
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2. WHEN WASHINGTON RESPONSE REPORTED TO CHAUVEL OF

FRENCH FIRST NETWORK (TF1), SHE COUNTERED WITH PROPOSAL FOR INTERVIEW ALONG SIMILAR LINES WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER; I.E. HOUR-LONG INTERVIEW IN ENGLISH ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS BY JOURNALISTS FROM FIVE DIFFERENT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, TO BE OFFERED FREE TO ALL EUROVISION MEMBERS FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSMISSION, PREFERABLY ON EVE OF NATO SUMMIT. PROGRAM WOULD BE FILMED IN WASHINGTON, OR IN PARIS (MAY 26-27) OR WHEREVER SECRETARY MIGHT WISH. AS WITH FORD INTERVIEW PROPOSAL, PRODUCERS AMENABLE CHANGES IN NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS OR OTHER ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL AS DESIRED BY SECRETARY.

3. WHILE POST AWARE CURRENT STRICTURES ON REQUESTS FOREIGN TV INTERVIEWS WITH SECRETARY, BELIEVE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, PLUS ARGUMENTS ADDUCED REFERENCE (1), WARRENT SUBMISSION OF TF1'S MULTINATION PROPOSAL FOR SECRETARY'S CONSIDERATION. SECRETARIAL INTERVIEW IN MULTINATIONAL FORMAT MIGHT ALSO EASE SOME OF STING OTHER EUROPEANS LIKELY FEEL WHEN THEY LEARN OF PRESIDENT FORD'S PRE-NATO SUMMIT "EXCLUSIVE" WITH BBC.

4. IN EVENT SECRETARY UNABLE ACCEPT PROPOSAL IN PRESENT "NATO SUMMIT" TIMEFRAME, REQUEST AGENCY SEEK AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT WHEN AND IF PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY DECIDE ACCORD ANOTHER INTERVIEW TO EUROPEAN TELEVISION, FIRST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TF1'S MULTINATIONAL PROPOSAL.

5. AMBASSADOR ENDORSES THIS REQUEST.
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